

and effectively. The administration has taken the groundbreaking measures to track and publicize the effectiveness of our foreign assistance programs. This bill will make those efforts stronger. It will help us and all the American people know exactly what our foreign assistance investments are paying for and that they are paying dividends in the long run.

I want to again stress the partnership because it is a fair question to say: Well, we have pressing needs here at home. Why are we sending money abroad?

We look at the instability of the world. We see terrorism. We see what is happening. The United States has a stake in having partners all around the world. The United States has a stake in making conditions better for people all around the world so that radicalism isn't appealing. People can understand that what we have to offer is just so much better.

This partnership is important. This bill sustains that partnership, so I am glad to support the bill. I urge a "yes" vote.

I thank Chairman ROYCE.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Smart investments and development can help support growth of healthier, more stable societies, open markets that can generate consumers of U.S. goods. It can create opportunities for people there and for U.S. businesses to grow. But unwise investments can have the exact opposite effect.

This bill will give us the tools we need to make our foreign aid programs more smart and wise, and I strongly support this bill. I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate Amendment to the Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016 (H.R. 3766).

I want to thank my friend, Judge TED POE of Texas, for working with me to introduce and advance this bill.

I also want to thank Chairman ED ROYCE and Ranking Member ELIOT ENGEL of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for previously marking up this measure in Committee and bringing it to the Floor today.

And finally, I want to thank our colleagues in the Senate, including Senators CARDIN, RUBIO, and LEAHY for working with us to strengthen the bill and shepherd it through the Senate.

The Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act is a project that I have worked on with Judge POE for several years now, and in December 2015 this bill passed in the House by voice vote.

The bill directs the President to establish monitoring and evaluation or M&E guidelines for the federal agencies charged with implementing foreign assistance programs abroad.

The guidelines will require M&E plans as part of the project development process, and agencies will be encouraged to incorporate the findings of project evaluations and impact studies into subsequent foreign assistance programs.

This feedback loop will include measurable goals, performance metrics, and a clearing house for lessons learned on U.S.-led aid projects.

Additionally, the legislation requires that the documents and reports created under this M&E regime be made available to the public on foreignassistance.gov.

This administration has developed an encouraging record on foreign aid transparency. The Foreign Assistance Dashboard created in 2010 demonstrated a promising inclination towards disclosure that we should hope to enshrine in law.

This measure will strengthen and codify those transparency best practices to ensure that they exist as agency policy under future Administrations that might not be as accommodating of the aid community's demand for this information.

Aid programs that are held accountable for their performance and results can be made more effective, and their impact on communities and countries abroad can be more easily demonstrated.

Perhaps with more information, we can dispel the commonly held belief that 26 percent of the federal budget is spent on foreign aid when the actual amount is less than 1 percent.

I am hopeful that this bill will help foreign assistance operations become more focused and efficacious.

It is time to apply a data driven approach to constructing an assistance operation that has the support of Congress and a well-informed public.

We cannot ignore the increasingly important role diplomacy and development play in meeting our most pressing security challenges and demonstrating American leadership in global affairs.

It is an act of political malpractice that this vital part of the federal budget is so misunderstood and that the direct link between our national security and stability and prosperity abroad is so underappreciated.

I urge my colleagues to join the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, the Professional Services Council, the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, and several other well-regarded members of the foreign assistance community in supporting this bipartisan legislation and foster greater understanding of our vital investments abroad.

I would like to close by thanking, once again, Judge POE for his leadership on the issue of foreign aid effectiveness.

I think his advocacy is motivated by a shared belief that our foreign assistance dollars have the potential to create a path to prosperity in the most poverty stricken areas of the world, and nurture the promise of democracy in the face of even the most repressive authoritarian regimes.

I look forward to working with Judge POE to ensure that those common goals are advanced by the implementation of this legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 3766.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BRAGGING ON SIMONE MANUEL

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress love to brag. Texans like me brag the most.

Today, I am going to brag about a young lady from my hometown of Sugar Land, Texas. She is a Bulldog from Austin High School. Her name is Simone Manuel. If you don't know that name today, you will after this summer's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Simone swims fast, really fast, water-on-fire fast. In fact, she recently swam so fast she is swimming in three events at the Olympics: the 50-meter freestyle, the 100-meter freestyle, and the 4-by-100-meter freestyle relay.

Texas women love precious metal. They are okay with bronze, they like silver, and they love gold.

Good luck, Simone. Bring home some precious metal to Sugar Land, Texas. Sugar Land loves you.

ROULETTE TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Roulette Township, Potter County.

The township was founded on January 29, 1816, in honor of John Sigmund Roulet. Roulet was an associate of John Keating, one of the original settlers of Potter County. Today, the community's name is spelled a bit differently due to an early error by the Post Office Department.

Today, the township is home to more than 1,300 people. Later this week, members of the community will kick off a 2-day celebration, starting on Friday, in honor of the township's bicentennial and its history.

The celebration will start with a 5K walk for the fight against domestic violence, and it will continue with an ice cream social and bingo. On Saturday, a prayer service is planned, followed by a barbecue, with a parade planned for Saturday afternoon. A hymn sing is planned for Sunday, along with a "Walk Down Memory Lane," with signs placed highlighting the long history of Roulette Township.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to see the residents of Roulette Township honoring their history with this week's celebration, making sure that the region's past is not forgotten.

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GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, we know that ISIS and other terror groups are trying to manipulate, exploit, and radicalize vulnerable Americans to commit acts of terror.

An al Qaeda spokesman called for violence saying: "America is absolutely awash with easily obtainable firearms. You can go down to a gun show at the local convention center and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle, without a background check, and most likely without having to show an identification card. So what are you waiting for?"

Our law enforcement, Mr. Speaker, needs the tools to stop an attack. Unfortunately, the proposal to be offered by the Republican majority this week will actively hinder investigations. It will make it easier for terrorists to evade capture, and it will make America more vulnerable to attack.

I have spoken with the FBI Director. He knows the current law prevents law enforcement from blocking a gun purchase by suspected terrorists. This loophole will certainly lead to tragedy. It is only a matter of time.

We must act now. The terrorists who attacked us on 9/11 used planes. In response, we barred suspected terrorists from flying. Now terrorists are attempting to exploit our weak gun laws. Let's make the laws stronger. Let's stop the next attack before it happens and before it is too late.

GUN VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for half of the remaining time until 10 p.m. as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago on this floor, the Democrats said: We want a vote. We want a vote on a bill that would prohibit terrorists who are on the no-fly list from being able to buy a gun and explosives, and we want a vote on comprehensive background checks. So we sat down and created a bit of confusion and maybe even some anger.

I am pleased that the Speaker has decided that maybe there will be some piece of legislation, a piece of legislation, H.R. 5611. Unfortunately, it doesn't even come close to solving the problem and probably makes it worse. It is written in such a way that it is virtually unenforceable, will guarantee that terrorists will be given a heads-up that they are being looked at and investigated by the FBI, and it puts the courts in an impossible situation where they have to find probable cause that there is a terrorist out there who has

done something bad or is likely to do something bad, in which case just go arrest them. You don't need to do more than that. You already have probable cause. Arrest them.

The bill is a nonstarter, so we are not going to go away. We are going to stay at this until we have decent legislation.

There are two pieces: a bill by Mr. KING of New York, a Republican, and the same, coauthored by Mr. THOMPSON of California, that would expand the background checks, which is absolutely essential; and also one that provides for no fly, no buy.

We would like to have a vote on the bills. Put them on the floor, Mr. Speaker. You can do this. Put your bill on the floor, put our two bills on the floor, and let us, the 435 Representatives, speak to this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the minority leader.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative GARAMENDI for his consistent, persistent leadership in these Special Orders to put forth issues of concern to the American people.

Right now, we are talking about saving lives. We are talking about responsible background checks on gun purchases as well no fly, no buy. If you are on the terrorist list, if you can't fly, then you shouldn't be able to buy a gun. What is so difficult about that for our Republican majority to understand?

Actually, on the background check legislation, we are talking about expanding the background check bill that already exists to include Internet sales, something relatively new—not new compared to when we passed the bill in the middle nineties—and we are talking about gun shows. This would save lives to have background checks on everyone who is there to purchase a gun.

Eighty-five percent of the American people support responsible legislation for background checks, which is what we are proposing, and 90 percent support no fly, no buy. The only place where there is an obstacle to this reasonable commonsense legislation is on the floor of the House of Representatives.

I am so proud of our Members led by JOHN LEWIS 2 weeks ago, tomorrow, who led the sit-in on the floor of the House. It was remarkable, and it generated interest throughout the world—over 2 billion impressions from what went out from the floor of this House—something remarkable, something appropriate for the people's House. Then, following that, for this to go on for 25 hours and then to continue over the weeks when we were in recess into our districts, to have the beat go on. Now we are back, and the beat will continue to go on.

I think if there is one message of hope that JOHN LEWIS gave all of us, it is that we are not going away until the job is done.

So, respectfully, I ask our Speaker of the House to give us a vote, to enable

us to show the support that commonsense, sensible gun safety legislation has in this House. I believe that, if given the opportunity, this House would support that legislation. Maybe that is why it will not be brought up.

But I will also associate myself with the concerns expressed by Mr. GARAMENDI about a bill, the Cornyn bill. I think it has a new name in the House. It is the gun lobby bill—the gun lobby bill—the NRA bill. It is not a gun safety bill. It is an excuse for not doing something really effective and sensible.

So you will be seeing the stories of the people and the families affected, the most eloquent stories of all, their stories of their loss, and they are channeling their grief to make sure it doesn't happen to other families. What a beautiful sense of community.

We thank JOHN LEWIS for being the unifier in all of that, and we thank all of our Members for their participation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI).

Mr. GARAMENDI. I thank the minority leader. I am delighted to have the gentlewoman's leadership on this issue. It is profoundly important.

I understand tomorrow, at 10 o'clock, 91 people will be outside, together with many members of our caucus, to demonstrate that each day 91 people are killed by guns here in the United States.

So we have work to do. It is very simple. All we are asking for is a vote on a no fly, no buy bill that actually works—not the Cornyn bill, not the Republican bill, but one that actually works, put together by Mr. KING of New York and Mr. THOMPSON of California—and also a bill that deals with expanding the background check. Put them on the floor, Mr. Speaker.

And one more, I promise, Mr. Speaker, we are not going to go away until the American public has the safe gun measures written into law.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

DEL LATTA, A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) is recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in honor of Delbert Latta, who served in this body for 30 years and who sadly passed away in Bowling Green, Ohio, on May 12.

Del lived a full and productive 96 years, and he used that time very wisely. While I never had the privilege of